## Rocks

OCTOBER 23 - It was a beautiful week end.

Estelle Garrett of Evergreen had surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital on Tuesday.

Rev. David L. Bailey, of Gladys, returned home from Virginia Baptist Hospital on Wednesday much improved. Get well wishes go out to him.

Grace Covington, of Pamplin, was rushed to Va. Baptist Hospital Wednesday afternoon late. May she have a speedy recovery.

The Youth Young People furnished special music for the revival at Spring Creek Church on Tuesday night.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor and children, of Davenport, Iowa, were visiting here recently with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor, and brother, Jeffrey Taylor, and family, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Connie Sandman, of Pamplin, returned home from the hospital last part of the week after having surgery. Get well wishes go out to her.

A number were visiting Estelle Garrett last week at the hospital.

A number went camping over the week end at Kings Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ranson and Frank Roy were visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Roach on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore are having a friend, Lillian Henson, of West Virginia, to visit them for a few days.

A number went up on the Parkway Drive Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Emeline Hamilton is in the hospital for surgery this week. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell and boys spent the week end in Martinsville with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Caldwell, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Morris and girls spent the week end in Richmond.

A number of the pastors and their wives were at Eagle Eyrie Friday night through Saturday.

The evening service on the fifth Sunday will be a singspiration with guest from Lynchburg and Brookneal. Come on out to hear them.

Remember the time change this week end. Turn clocks back one hour.

## THEN and NOW!

By: Frances H. Paulette

### And The Goblins Will Get You!!

Mrs. W. C. Paulette (Ayre) of Route 1, Appomattox remembers a lot of Halloweens, THEN and NOW; her granddaughter, Tambra Hamlet enjoys Halloween NOW. But they are more than Grandma and Granddaughter, look closely . . . see the broom laying beside them? "Which is the witch?" In a sense both of them are because both of them have a birthday on Halloween. Tambra, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hamlet will be 13 on Halloween and Grandma? well . . . she'll be a year older!

It was late afternoon and Miss Tillie, spry for her "nigh-on" eighty years, was filling a bowl with apples and another smaller one with candy. After all, tonight was Halloween and she wanted to be prepared when the doorbell began ringing.

Just after dark, that's when the parade of youngsters would begin: costumed boys and girls chanting 'trick or treat.'

As she hurried about with some last minute chores Miss Tillie tried to remember if she had ever been 'tricked'.

"I guess not," she said to herself. "I've always treated." She didn't mind the treating; in fact she enjoyed it, the young voices and happy laughter. Quite often she recognized one of the young people despite the Halloween mask and colorful costume.

Plopping down in her favorite chair, Miss Tillie thought of other Halloweens many years ago. She smiled as she remembered.

Instead of so much trick or treating as the youngsters did today, it was mostly 'tricking' when Miss Tillie was a child. Though the 'tricks' were usually harmless, they were sometimes extremely aggravating and it often took a community several days to recover from Halloween.

There was the time when Halloween pranksters put old Mrs. Howell's rocking chair up a tree several doors down the street from her house. It was cleverly hidden among the branches and thick leaves. When the rocking chair was finally found several days later, not a scratch could be seen on the chair. How the youngsters managed that was a well-kept secret.

"Children today," thought Miss Tillie "just don't seem to think of all the crazy thing the boys used to do back THEN."

The boys did back THEN? Most likely girls kept a look-out while the boys got on with the mischief.

There was the time when Mr. Ford's gentle old milk cow was 'swapped' for Mr. Tomkin's work horse down the road. Imagine Mr. Ford's surprise when he went out to milk on the morning after Halloween!

"I wonder", mused Miss Tillie, "Just how did Halloween begin . . ."

The story of Halloween dates back hundreds of years. The name is shortened from All Hallow's Eve or the Eve of All Saints Day.

Although a great many people believe that Halloween was once a church related festival this is not true.

In England, long before the Christian era, there was a custom of lighting bonfires on the hilltops on the last evening in October to ward off evil spirits.

The Cults, who lived in the British Isles and France hundreds of years before the birth of Christ held a festival similar to Halloween. It was called Samhain which means 'the end of summer.'

Druids offered sacrifices to the sun gods and the god of the dead. As they performed magic rites and danced around a circle of giant stone pillars, they thanked the sun god for the harvest safely stored away for the winter. The Celts believed that during the festival, Samhain, the ghosts of the dead came to life.

Way back THEN, superstition, the fear of the unknown was very common. One of the widespread beliefs was that on Halloween night the spirits of the dead were allowed to return to visit their homes and friends.

If there is one fact above all others that the history of Halloween shows us it is that superstition dies hard. The belief in magic and burning witches may have passed but many popular beliefs are still quoted.

In Scotland, if a single girl eats an apple while looking in a mirror on Halloween night, she will see the face of her future husband peeping over her shoulder.

Today a tremendous business is carried on each year in the manufacture and sale of novelties to do with Halloween and its celebration.

Halloween . . . the night of witches, bats, black cats, and spooks. Maybe you, living NOW, would like to believe that all that stuff is just a bunch of foolishness, but wait . . . Have you tried walking along a lonely road on Halloween night? Was that a hand that touched your shoulder? And what was that apparition just ahead? Did you hear that ernie noise? Could it have been a witch swishing by on her broom?

Yes, Miss Tillie, you HAD better watch out . . . the goblins will get you if you don't watch out! You had better watch out, too!

### Liberty FFA Wins In Forestry Judging

The Liberty FFA forestry judging team took first place in both team and individual scoring during the annual Area FFA Forestry Judging Contest at Jefferson Forest Wednesday, October 18. Runner-up was Halifax County Senior. Third place went to Appomattox County.

Members of the winning Liberty team are Mark Martin, Dwayne Lineberry and Fred Ware. D. S. Grant is team coach. In individual scoring, Fred Ware, Liberty, finished first; Mark Martin, Liberty, second; and Paul Slabach, Halifax, third.

Forestry judging includes estimating board feet, determining tree value, tree identification, timber stand improvement and woodland management. The winning Liberty team will represent the fourteen-county area in the state contest at Millford, October 26.

Dr. Charles H. Gibboney

### Lions Club Sets 39th Charter And Ladies Night For Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will have its 39th Charter and Ladies Night tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria. The dinner will be catered by John Mosby Inn.

W. M. Abbitt and C. G. O'Brien, two charter members will be recognized at this meeting.

Through the cooperation of Huff-Cook, Dr. Charles H. Gibboney, one of America's most sought after banquet speakers, will give an inspirational-humorous talk. A native of Roanoke, he was educated at University of the South, University of Virginia (B. S.); Union Theological Seminary, Richmond (B. D.); and University of Edlinburgh, Scotland and received an Honorary D. D. from Hampden-Sydney College.

Dr. Gibboney is the author of several books, was once editor of a monthly religious journal and writer of a daily newspaper feature, "Mini-Sermon For Today" and writer and narrator of a syndicated radio program.

He is married and the father of two children. His hobbies are golf and stamp collecting. You will not want to miss hearing this great speaker.

The Lions Club will meet on the first and third Thursdays in November and December to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

foot rally on Sunday, October 29, at 6 p.m.

### Chestnut Grove Church Plans Foot Rally

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church in Appomattox will have a

### FFA Chapters Selling Citrus Fruit

The Appomattox FFA Chapters are now holding their annual citrus fruit sale. This sale is the major money making activity of the two chapters. Last year Appomattox was recognized as the highest selling chapter in the state.

Navel oranges, Hamlin oranges, tangelos, white grapefruit and pink grapefruit are again being offered for sale in 4/5 bushel boxes. Delivery date will be December 7. If you have not ordered your Christmas fruit, please contact an FFA member or call the Agricultural Educational departments. This sale will end on October 30.

### Gospel Sing At Vera Church of God

The Vera Church of God, located six miles East of Appomattox on Route 24, will be having a Gospel Sing on Saturday, October 28, at 7:30 p.m.

"The Belivers", a gospel group from the Richmond area, will be the featured singers. Some of the local church singers will be participating also.

Everyone is invited to attend. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving hot dogs and drinks in the fellowship hall after the singing. Come on out and enjoy a wonderful evening.

### Jordan

On Friday night, October 27, at 7:30 p.m. the Senior Choir will meet.

On Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. Rev. Don Lewis will be our guest as we close our financial drive for the year.

On the first Sunday in November at 7:00 p.m. the Golden Trumpteers will be singing here.

On the 1st Saturday night, November 4, the Ladies Club will be sponsoring a chicken and chitterling supper at the Oakville School. Plan now to come by and get your supper.

Rev. K. W. Davis will deliver the message.

The rally is sponsored by the Chestnut Grove Junior Choir. Members and friends are asked to come out and make this program a success.

### Area Pastors and Wives Attend Retreat

Seven ministers and their wives within the Appomattox Baptist Association attended a retreat last week end at Eagle Eyrie Baptist Assembly in Lynchburg. The retreat was led by Cecil and Betty Marsh of Richmond. Rev. Marsh works in the Department of Church Administration for Virginia Baptists. Shown above are the participants in the retreat. From left to right they are Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Elder, Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Chauncey, Rev and Mrs. Cecil Marsh, Rev. and Mrs. Randall Walton, Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt Rutledge, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Davis, Mrs. Bill Trimyer, and Rev. and Mrs. John Spencer. Not shown is Rev. Bill Trimyer who was photographing the happy group!


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APPOMATTOX SENIOR FFA won first place trophy in the Swine Judging Contest. Team members were, left to right, Phil Paulette, Glen Gilliam and Dale Garrett.

ROY WILSON PRESENTS ED WISE of the Buckingham FFA Chapter the registered Hampshire gilt that Ed won for his chapter to begin a pig chain.

MARK PAULETTE GUIDES a tour group through the farrowing barn at Wilson's Landing.

GARY CAMPBELL acts as ring man for the swine judging contest.

### FFA Holds Third Annual Swine Field Day

The Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter and Wilson's Landing hosted the Third Annual FFA Swine Field Day on October 12 at Wilson's Landing in Appomattox. Over 290 FFA members and advisors from throughout the state attended the field day, making it a huge success.

The day began with a welcome by FFA President David Stratton and Mr. Roy Wilson, manager of grounds and facilities and assistant herdsman at Wilson's Landing. Dr. Crutchfield, from the Regional Agricultural Lab, then spoke on health and sanitation procedures, clipping needle teeth, treating navel cords and demonstrated with the assistance of students two methods of castrating.

Mr. Barney Allen, Eastern Research Center, then discussed the handling of breeding herds and care of gestating sows. Mr. John Parker, the pork commissioner from Richmond, led the discussion on Selection of and Economics of Good Breeding Stock. Mr. Stan Forbes and Scott Stevens then spoke on the importance of good herd record systems and how to keep good records.

Following the morning sessions, Senior FFA members conducted group tours of the facilities at Wilson's Landing. A delicious meal consisting of pork barbecue was prepared by Wilson's landing and served for lunch.

To close the day, there was a swine judging contest with teams from various schools competing. Ed Wise of the Buckingham FFA Chapter was high scorer and won a gilt for his FFA Chapter to use to begin a pig chain. The winning team was from Appomattox County High School and consisted of Dale Garrett, Glen Gilliam and Phil Paulette.

The Senior FFA Chapter would like to express their thanks to Mr. John Wilson, Wilson's Landing, Fidelity National Bank, Dinner Bell, and all the professional persons and others that helped in making this year's field day a success.


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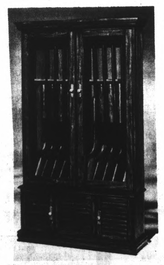

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